Garrison subpoenas ex-CIA head

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NEW ORLEANS—New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison announced that ex-CIA director Allen Dulles would be subpoenaed before the grand jury to testify in Garrison's continuing probe of the Kennedy Assassination.

Dulles, formerly a member of the Warren Commission, will be asked to testify about possible CIA connections with the assassination, Lee Harvey Oswald, and other curious events in New Orleans. He could not be reached for comment on the subpoena.

Several Warren Report critics have speculated about the possibility that the CIA was involved, directly or indirectly, with the assassination. Harold Weisberg, whose latest book, "Oswald In New Orleans," is sub-titled "Case for conspiracy with the CIA," has documented indications of Oswald's double role.

For example, Oswald had a high security clearance in the Marine Corps while he received newspapers from Russia and identified himself as a communist. For a time, he was stationed at Atsugi Air Base in Japan, a known U-2 airfield. Among all of Oswald's friends and acquaintances mentioned in the Warren Report, there appears no left-wingers or communists but many rightists.

Dulles ended his tenure as Director of the CIA in 1961, while Oswald was in the Soviet Union. It is reported that Garrison plans to question him about an incident in New Orleans on January 20, 1961 in which two men, one of whom used the name Oswald, tried to purchase several trucks from the Bolton Ford Company for the Friends of Democratic Cuba.

Oscar Deslatte, assistant manager of Bolton Ford Company, told the FBI on November 25, 1963 that he was visited by a Mr. Joseph Moore and a man only identified as Oswald in 1961. He said that they asked to purchase ten trucks for the Cuban organization and that the bill was to be sent to Oswald, who had the money to pay for them. Deslatte could not identify a photograph of Lee Harvey Oswald as the man who visited him.

The incident could bear no relevance to the Kennedy assassination, or it could be an attempt to associate Lee Harvey Oswald with Cuban organizations. There is some indication that the Friends of Democratic Cuba was a CIA organization.

In other developments regarding the Garrison case, the Los Angeles Times revealed new evidence which could further implicate Edgar Eugene Bradley, the second man accused by Garrison of conspiring to assassinate President Kennedy.

Times Reporter Jerry Cohen located a court clerk in New Orleans, Max Gonzales, who witnessed meetings at the New Orleans Airport between the late David Ferrie and Bradley. Ferrie was named a co-conspirator in the indictment of Clay Shaw, retired director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart. Ferrie died mysteriously a few days after Garrison's investigation became public a year ago.

Bradley has repeatedly denied that he was ever in New Orleans before 1967. He is currently awaiting a hearing on whether or not he will be extradited from California to Louisiana.